



Waukesha County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council Anti-Human Trafficking Ad Hoc Committee Minutes Tuesday, July 9, 2019

Members Present

Jen Dunn, Co-Chair
Breanne Bucher

Dawn Helmrich
JoAnn Eiring

Ron Pupp
Maura McMahon

Members Absent

Hon. Lloyd Carter, Co-Chair

Hon. Brad Schimel

Rob Mueller

Others Present

Rebecca Luczaj
Kate Knowlton

Janelle McClain

Antwayne Robertson

Dunn called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m.

Approve Minutes from June 4, 2019 Meeting

Motion: Bucher moved, second by McMahon, to approve the minutes from the June 4, 2019 CJCC Anti-Human Trafficking Ad Hoc Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

Update on Recent Anti-Human Trafficking Steering Committee Meeting

Dunn did not attend the recent meeting of the Steering Committee; however, the Steering Committee discussed putting a list of the last year's accomplishments together, drafting a logo, and planning for a full task force meeting.

The Human Trafficking 101 program is available through the state for professionals, but is not open to the public at this time. There are talks about making the training publically accessible. Human Trafficking 101 is a 2-hour prerequisite to the Ending the Game program.

The Prevention and Awareness workgroup did a soap campaign, placing messages such as the national hotline phone number on soaps and make-up remover wipes for local hotels.

The Treatment and Support workgroup is working on getting The Women's Center added as one of the resources listed on the national hotline. They are also working on the implementation of an innovation grant, as well as a resource directory.

The Law Enforcement workgroup is working on expanding their membership with representatives from many law enforcement agencies in the county.

The task force's accomplishments to-date include:

- Adopting a mission statement
- Determining areas of focus and creating workgroups
- Selecting a screening tool to help identify children who are victims of human trafficking
- Collaborating with the Anti-Human Trafficking Task Force of Milwaukee County

Presentation: Overview of LOTUS Legal Clinic's Experience with Human Trafficking Cases

Attendees gave brief introductions and Kate Knowlton, Staff Attorney, presented on behalf of LOTUS Legal Clinic.

LOTUS is a statewide organization, and is primarily referral-based. The organization handles legal issues that surround the victim of human trafficking cases. LOTUS provides legal representation for victims at no cost, and many private attorneys provide pro-bono services to LOTUS. They have a victim law focus and tailor their services to victims to include survival/care/empowerment of the victim, and help with legal obstacles that make it difficult for a victim to get out of a situation or be able to cooperate with law enforcement. The pro bono attorneys assure that all of the victim's rights are protected, including privacy rights.

LOTUS tries to be comprehensive in the services they are able to offer; however, due to the individual nature of every case, this can be a complicated task.

Knowlton stated that while sting operations seem to be a good idea, they are causing unanticipated and unintended harm – causing the victim to be seen the same as the perpetrator. This complicates asserting the victim's rights later in the case.

Knowlton acknowledged that trainings addressing human trafficking are not readily available, particularly because every case is so individualized. She added the importance of judicial training, as judges have to make the final decision within the confines of the law.

McMahon added that an obstacle is that society often does not see the victim of human trafficking as a victim, but rather, for the unlawful things they did while being trafficked.

Helmrich left at 1:06 p.m.

Begin System Mapping Process of Human Trafficking Intersection with Courts

This topic has been tabled until a future meeting.

Other Items for Discussion

There were no other items for discussion.

Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting

There were no agenda items discussed for the next meeting.

Adjourn

Tess left at 1:08 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 1:08 p.m. due to lack of quorum.